

# **FORT EDWARD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**RE: Fort Edward UFSD to Conduct Pre-Merger Study with South Glens Falls CSD**

**Dear Fort Edward School Community:**

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school. As you have read, been told, or seen online, the Fort Edward School District will be conducting a pre-merger study with the SGF School District. Both the Board of Education and I understand that this can lead to uneasiness for many individuals in our school community, to that end I wanted to briefly provide some additional information.

This study has no predetermined outcome that is being sought by the school board, it is a sincere effort to collect and review information on all options that are available for our school. Please understand that this is a preliminary study, it does not mean that a formal merger study will take place and it does not mean that any changes are occurring for our students, staff, or programs.

The Fort Edward Board of Education's long term, big picture planning makes is absolutely necessary to investigate all options available. The Fort Edward District is contiguous with two other school districts South Glens Falls and Hudson Falls. Regulations only allow for mergers of contiguous districts. At the same time that the Board is conducting this study it is also looking at internal efficiencies and long range projections for our school to continue with its current structure as the Fort Edward Union Free School District.

The Fort Edward Board of Education will continue to communicate with the community and other stakeholder groups on this study as more information becomes available. The Board completely supports our school and all the great experiences that the faculty and staff provide for our students each and every day. The information from this study is intended to serve as one piece out of many pieces of information that will be reviewed to help effectively plan for the best possible experiences for our student moving forward.

If you have specific questions or would like to speak with me further about this or any other topics, please feel free to contact the District. I appreciate you taking the time to review this information and again thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,

*Daniel A. Ward*

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**Superintendent**